

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT:

The partitioned block frequency domain adaptive filter according to the invention includes a plurality of parallel arranged filter partitions. Each filter partition models a part of an impulse response of the adaptive filter and has update ~~unit~~means for updating filter coefficients of that filter partition by ~~means of~~ a circular convolution. The update ~~unit~~means intermittently constrain these filter coefficients by eliminating circular wrap-around artifacts of the circular convolution. The update ~~unit~~ is~~means~~ are arranged for updating the filter coefficients in dependence on at least part of the circular wrap-around artifacts ~~of adjacent update means~~, resulting in an improved convergence behavior of the adaptive filter.

~~Fig. 21~~